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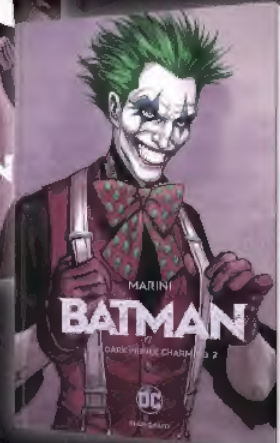
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THE HENRY HUDSON MALL.
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...WOW.
THAT'S ONE HELLUVA
BARRICADE WE BUILT.
FEEL LIKE I'M IN *LES*
MISERABLES.

EXCUSE ME,
SHAGGY?

Y'KNOW? THE
BROADWAY PLAY?
FRENCH REVOLUTION?
LOTS O' SINGING?

WE'RE TRYING TO
KEEP OUT A HORDE OF
MONSTERS AND YOU'RE
BLATHERING ABOUT
MUSICALS?

HEY! I'LL
HAVE YOU KNOW I
WAS IN ALL MY HIGH
SCHOOL PLAYS!

WON AN AWARD
IN MY JUNIOR YEAR
FOR PLAYIN' TEVYE IN
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!
THAT'S WHEN I GREW
MY FIRST BEARD!

CAN
WE *FOCUS*,
PLEASE?

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**PRELUDE TO
DISASTER!**

KEITH GIFFEN: PLOT-MEISTER
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HARVEY RICHARDS: MEISTER JIM CHADWICK: MEISTER OF MEISTERS





YOU WANNA GET RID OF THEM, FREDDY-- BE MY GUEST.

I'M NOT TOUCHING THOSE DISGUSTING THINGS!

THERE'S NO INDICATION OF INFECTION AMONG OUR GROUP.

I THINK WE'RE REASONABLY SAFE FOR NOW.



"REASONABLY"? I'D PREFER A MORE DEFINITIVE ANSWER.

THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS UNCERTAINTY, RIGHT?

TOUCHÉ.

LET'S HEAD BACK UPSTAIRS. WE NEED TO INSTALL MORE OF DAISY'S EXPLOSIVE DEVICES--



--TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSUMERITES DON'T INVADE THE UPPER LEVELS.

THE UPPER LEVEL'S ALREADY BEEN INVADED. CLIFFY AND SCOOPY WERE NEARLY KILLED!*

THE CREATURE THAT ATTACKED THEM WASN'T ONE OF THE CONSUMERITES.

*LAST ISSUE --HARVEY



IT WAS CLEARLY ONE OF THE BEASTS FROM THE PARKING LOT. AND, WITH THE ACCESS POINTS BARRICADED--

--THERE'S VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING AGAIN.

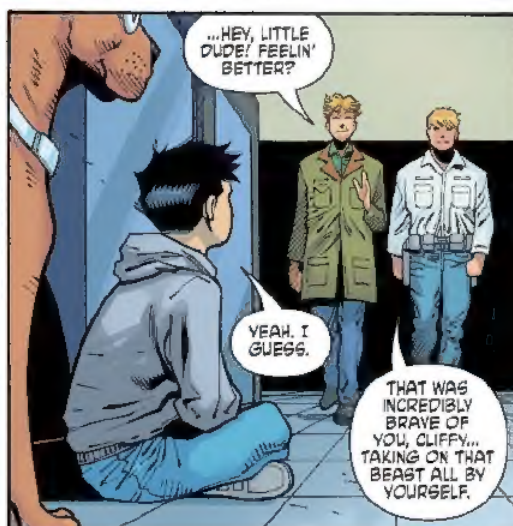
THERE! THAT'S THE LAST ONE. DAISY, I'M ASTONISHED TO SAY, DID A SUPERB JOB.

THESE EXPLOSIVES ARE QUITE EFFICACIOUS.

SO WE'VE LOCKED OURSELVES IN HERE WITH TWO ARMIES OF MUTATED MONSTROSITIES--



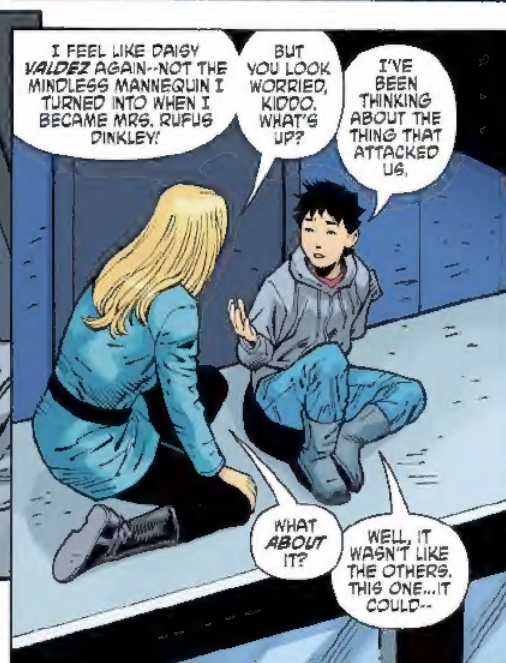
--AND OUR PRIMARY DEFENSE IS A STRING OF EXPLOSIVES SO POWERFUL THEY'LL PROBABLY KILL US, TOO?

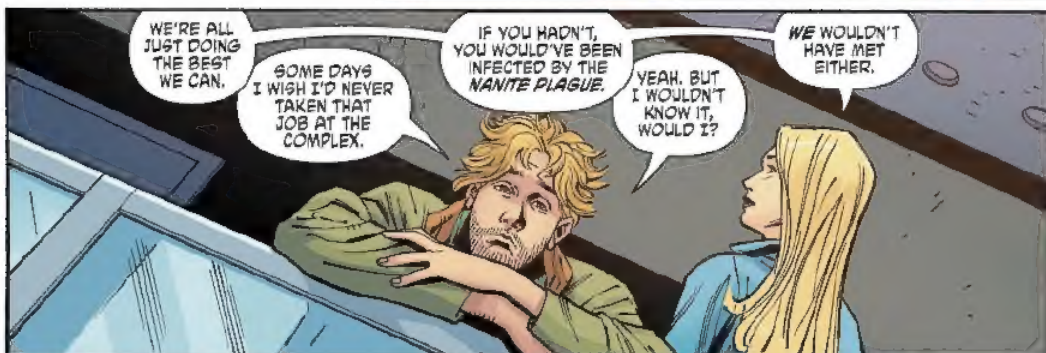
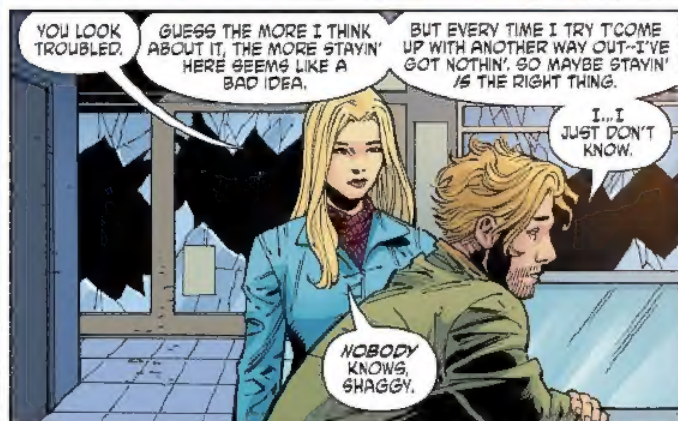


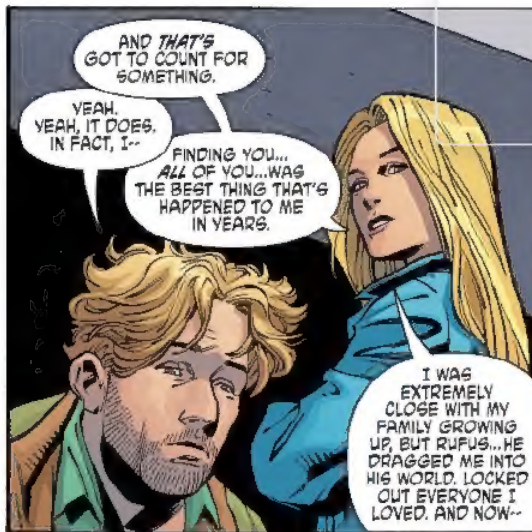
...HEY, LITTLE DUDE! FEELIN' BETTER?

YEAH. I GUESS.

THAT WAS INCREDIBLY BRAVE OF YOU, CLIFFY... TAKING ON THAT BEAST ALL BY YOURSELF.







AND THAT'S GOT TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING.

YEAH, IT DOES. IN FACT, I--

FINDING YOU... ALL OF YOU... WAS THE BEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME IN YEARS.

I WAS EXTREMELY CLOSE WITH MY FAMILY GROWING UP, BUT RUFUS... HE DRAGGED ME INTO HIS WORLD. LOCKED OUT EVERYONE I LOVED. AND NOW--



--THEY'RE ALL GONE.

BUT YOU AND CLIFFY AND FRED AND SCOOBY... EVEN VELMA AND DAPHNE... YOU'RE MY FAMILY NOW.

WITHOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET UP AND FACE ANOTHER DAY IN THIS WRETCHED WORLD. WITHOUT YOU--



--I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY HOPE.

FAMILY. HUH? SO I'M... WHAT? LIKE YOUR BROTHER OR SOMETHIN'?

WHAT YOU ARE TO ME, SHAGGY, IS--

YOU ARE INSUFFERABLY ARROGANT!



ME? LOOK UP ARROGANCE IN THE DICTIONARY AND THERE'S A PICTURE OF YOUR WHOLE DAMN FAMILY!

SMEK

DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TEACH YOU NOT TO HIT? WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?



DID YOU JUST INSULT MY MOTHER?

SMEK

I SWEAR, THOSE TWO ARE TURNIN' INTO ABBOTT AND COSTELLO!

WHO?



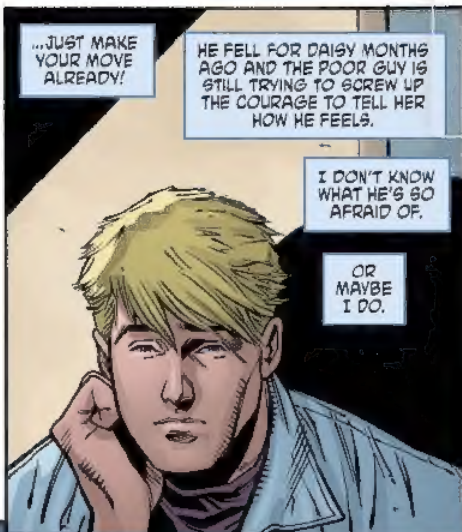
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW BUD AND LOU--THE GREATEST COMEDY DUO IN THE HISTORY OF CINEMA!

I'M AFRAID I'M RATHER IGNORANT WHERE POPULAR CULTURE IS CONCERNED. WE DIDN'T EVEN OWN A TELEVISION WHEN I WAS GROWING UP.

MY MOTHER THOUGHT IT WAS VULGAR.

ALL I DID WHEN I WAS A KID WAS WATCH TV. AND READ. AN' IF I WASN'T GLUED TO THE TUBE, I WAS AT THE LIBRARY WITH MY NOSE IN A BOOK.

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, SHAGSTER...





--16
INFURIATING!

TELL ME
ABOUT IT.

BUT SHE'S ALSO
SMART AND CAPABLE AND
BRAVE. :SIGH: AND SO
DAMN BEAUTIFUL.

PLEASE! I'M
IN THE M.DST OF A
QUASI-PSYCHOTIC RANT
AND I DON'T WANT
TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR ROMANTIC
FRLSTRATIONS!

SORRY.



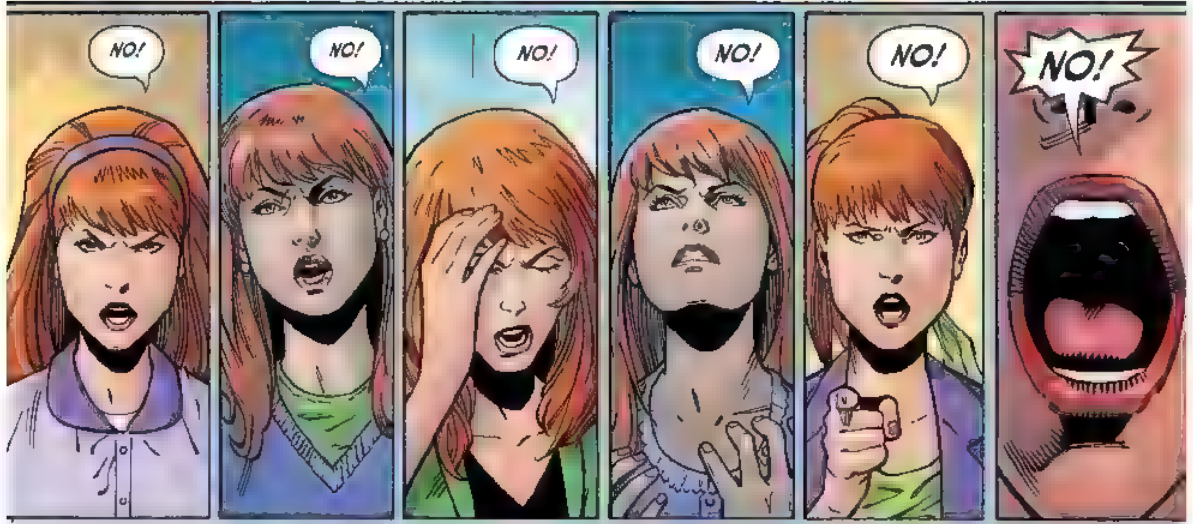
GAHH--!
FRED JONES--
YOU ARE SUCH A
DEFEATIST!

WHAT?

YOU SIT HERE MOPING AND
SIGH NG AND WSH NG AND
HOP NG. BUT YOU NEVER
DO ANYTHING!

"NEVER DO ANYTHING"?
SINCE WE FIRST MET, I MUST
HAVE PROPOSED TO DAPHNE
A DOZEN TIMES OVER!

REALLY?
AND HOW
DID THAT
WORK OUT
FOR YOU?



NO!

NO!

NO!

NO!

NO!

NO!



NOT SO GOOD.

BECAUSE YOU
ALWAYS GIVE IN TO HER!
YOU FOLLOW HER AROUND LIKE
A LOVEBICK PUPPY AND DO
WHATEVER SHE SAYS!

WE... I'M
NOT MAKING THE
SAME MISTAKE!

WAIT.
YOU'RE
GONNA
PROPOSE
TO HER?

NOT IF SHE
WAS THE LAST
HUMAN ON THE
PLANET!

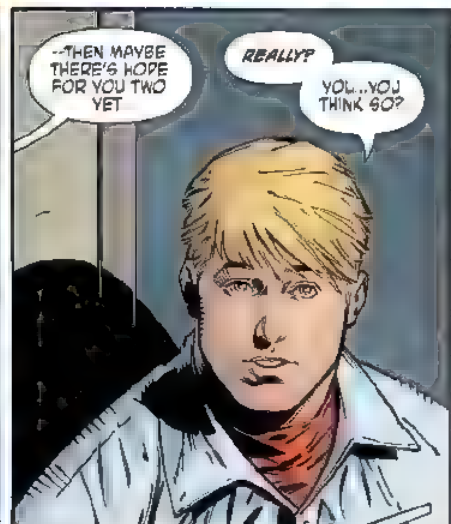
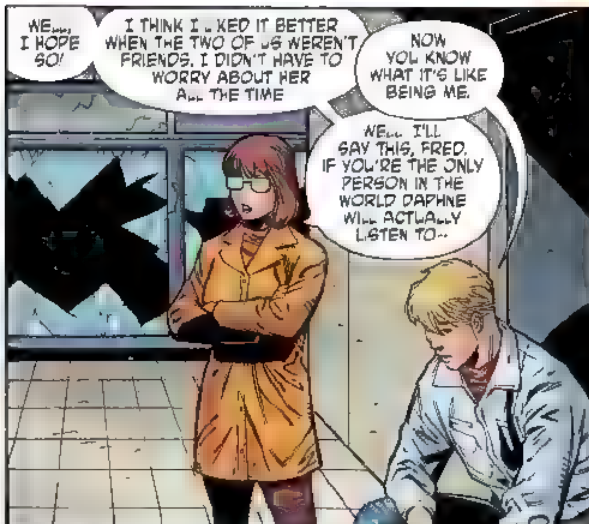


THEN
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

DAPHNE! SHE
DECIDED SHE'S NOT
GOING TO WAIT! SHE'S
GOING INTO MEARS AND
NICKEL'S ALONE TO CLEAN
OUT THE CONSUMERITE
NESTS!

I THOUGHT
YOU'D AGREED
TO WAIT A
WEEK
BEFORE
TAKING ANY
ACTION.

EXACTLY!



"--SHE MAY
BE RIGHT!"

"THOSE
BEASTIES OUTSIDE
SURE DO GET
AGITATED WHEN THE
CONSUMERITES
ARE FIGHTIN'!"

AGITATED,
SHAGGY--AND
FRIGHTENED, TOO.
FRIGHTENED TO
EVEN THINK ABOUT
COMING IN
HERE

SURE,
DOC. BUT WHAT
HAPPENS AFTER THE
CONSUMERITES'RE
GONE?

WE TAKE
THE REST OF
THEM OUT

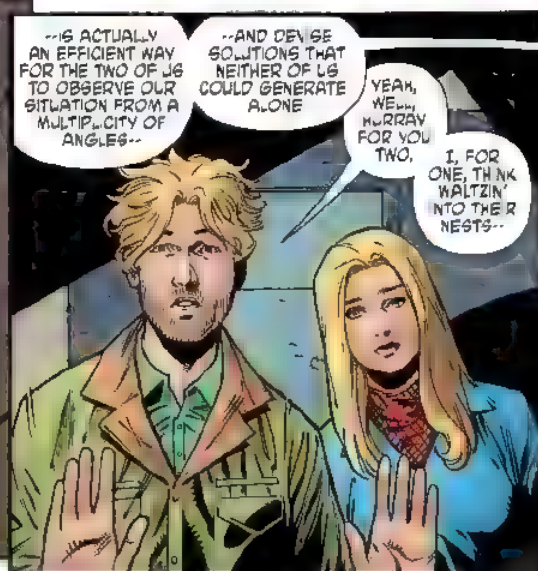
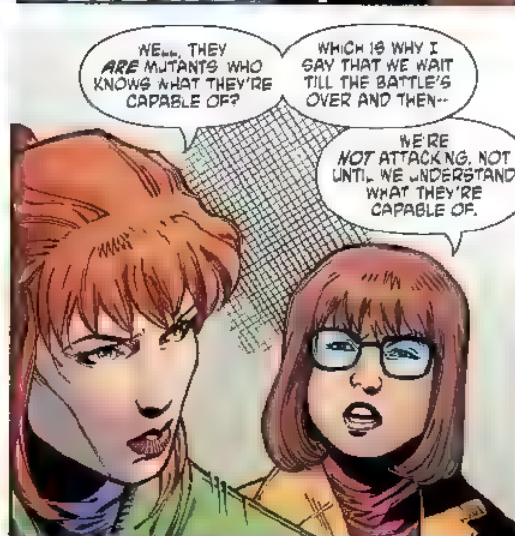
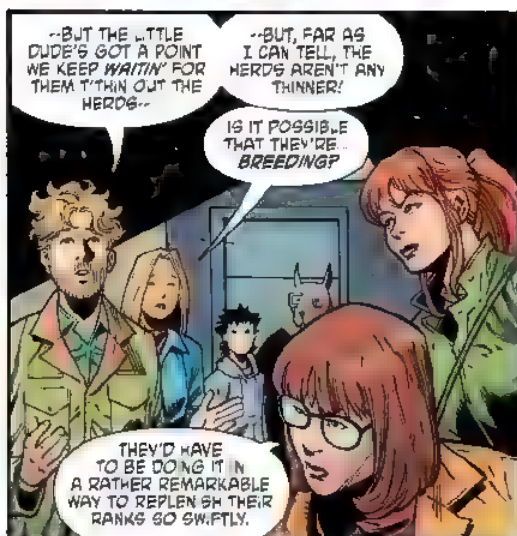
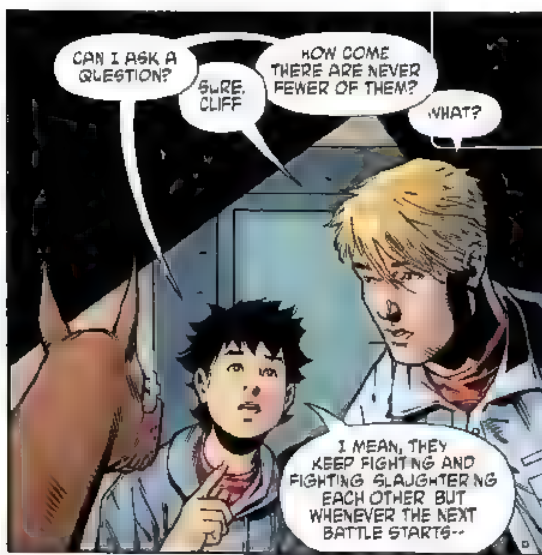
YOU MAKE
IT SOUND SO
EASY, DAPH

NOTHING IN THIS
LIFE IS EASY, FRED. YOU
WANT SOMETHING, YOU'VE
GOT TO WORK FOR IT.
THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER
ALWAYS SAID

HENRY HUDSON MALL

MYSTERY
MACHINE







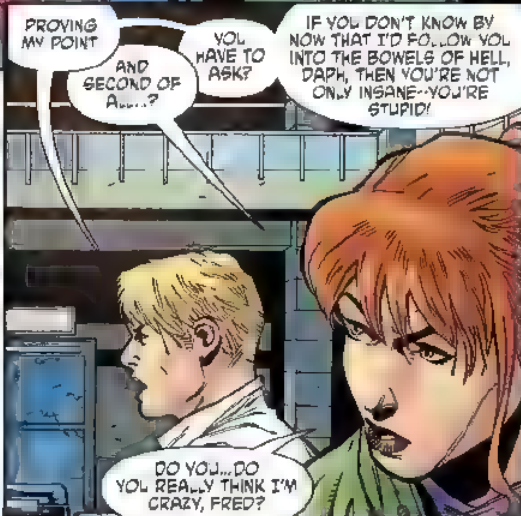
"...IS, LIKE, THE WORST IDEA EVER."

"...WELL, HERE WE ARE WALTZING INTO THEIR NESTS!"

"IF YOU'RE SCARED, FRED, THEN WHY DID YOU VOLUNTEER TO COME ALONG?"

"FIRST OF ALL, IF I WEREN'T SCARED WALKING INTO A SITUATION LIKE THIS I'D BE INSANE."

"I'M NOT SCARED."



"PROVING MY POINT"

"AND SECOND OF A...?"

"YOU HAVE TO ASK?"

"IF YOU DON'T KNOW BY NOW THAT I'D FOLLOW YOU INTO THE BOWELS OF HELL, DAPH, THEN YOU'RE NOT ONLY INSANE-YOU'RE STUPID!"

"DO YOU...DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M CRAZY, FRED?"



"WHAT? NO."

"BUT, HONESTLY, DAPH-YOU'VE BEEN ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD LATELY, EVEN FOR YOU."

"HOW SO?"

"YOU'VE BEEN SMACKING V.E. MA AROUND LIKE YOU'RE MOB AND SHE'S SHEMP."

"OH, IT'S ALL IN GOOD FUN"

"AND THAT BLOODY NOSE YOU GAVE SHAGGY?"

"IT WAS ALL IN GOOD--"

"OH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN"



"Y'KNOW, FRED WHEN I WAS A KID MY FATHER USED TO SMACK ME AROUND LIKE THAT."

"WHAT? THAT'S AWFUL..."

"NEVER ENOUGH TO REALLY HURT ME. I GUESS HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TOUGHEN ME UP."

"HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME?"

"I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. IT WAS JUST...DAD'S WAY"

"YEAH, WELL, 'DAD'S WAY' WAS CRUEL AND ABUSIVE"

"MAYBE SO, BUT HE WAS ALSO THE STRONGEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN."



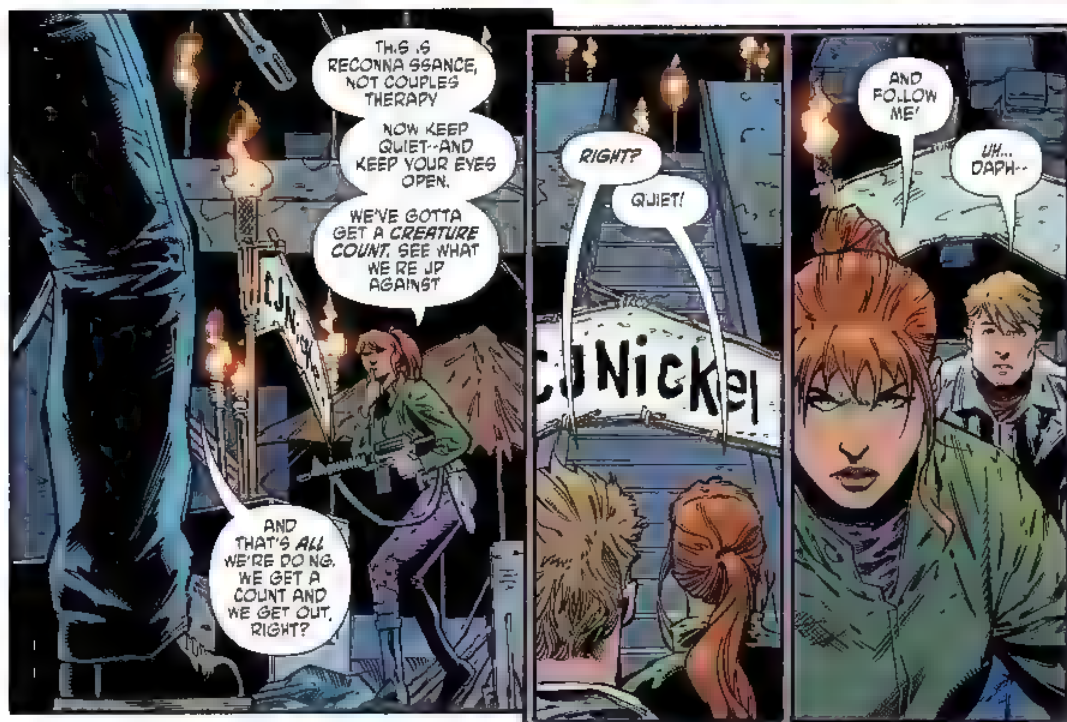
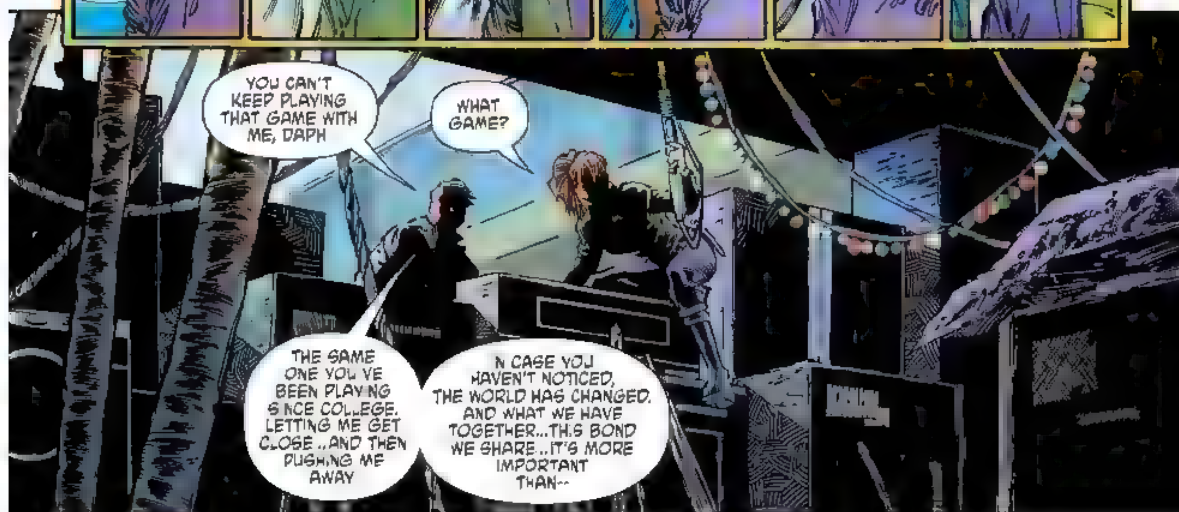
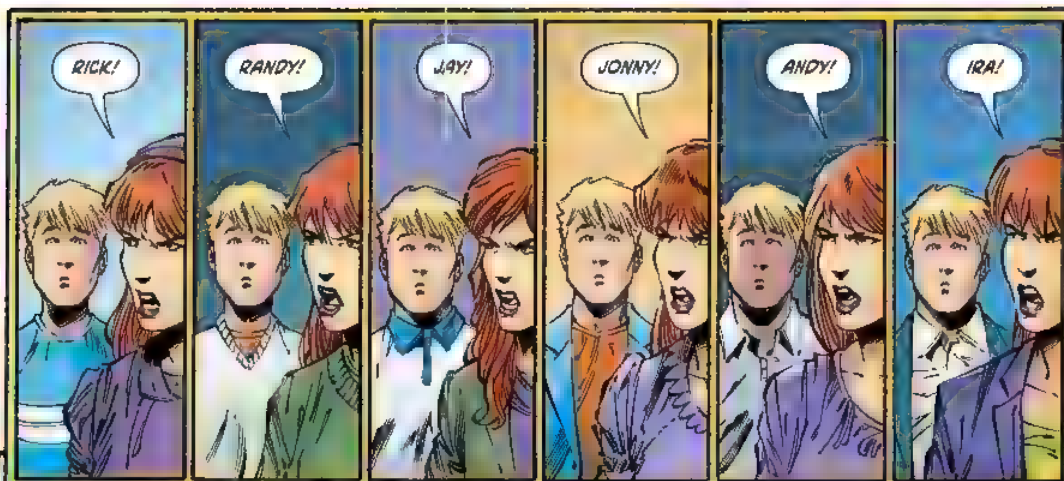
"RIGHT, AND WITH ALL THE STRESS YOU'VE BEEN UNDER...HAVING TO STEP INTO A LEADERSHIP POSITION, TRYING TO WATCH OUT FOR ALL OF US--"

"--YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO ACT MORE LIKE YOUR FATHER AND--"

"ARE YOU PSYCHOANALYZING ME?"

"MAYBE A LITTLE"

"SIGH: I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT SHAGGY."

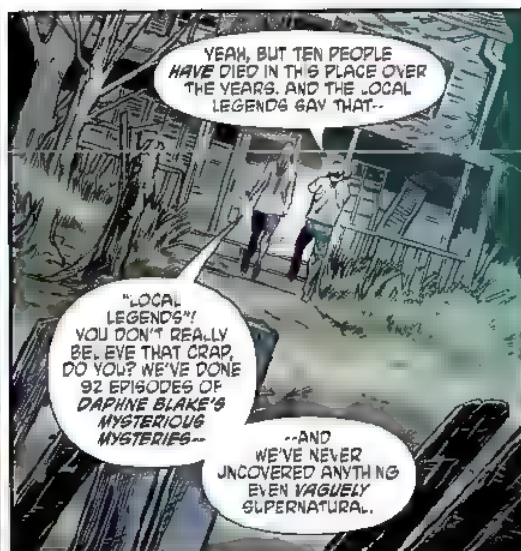




EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO.

--JUST IN CASE THIS THING GOES SOUTH--

IT'S A HAUNTED HOUSE, FRED, NOT A WAR ZONE. WE'RE NOT GONNA DIE--SO DON'T YOU EVEN THINK OF PROPOSING!



YEAH, BUT TEN PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THIS PLACE OVER THE YEARS. AND THE LOCAL LEGENDS SAY THAT--

"LOCAL LEGENDS"? YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT CRAP, DO YOU? WE'VE DONE 92 EPISODES OF DAPHNE BLAKE'S MYSTERIOUS MYSTERIES--

--AND WE'VE NEVER UNCOVERED ANYTHING EVEN VAGUELY SUPERNATURAL.



WHAT ABOUT THAT **HEADLESS GHOST** WE RAN INTO IN THAT HAUNTED MANSION IN UPSTATE NEW YORK?

THE ONE THAT TURNED OUT TO BE A DISGUISED NEIGHBOR WHO WAS LOOKING FOR SOME MONEY HIDDEN IN THE ATTIC?

HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A GHOST, BUT THAT GUY WAS **NUTSO**--

--AND HE HAD AN **AXE!**



Y'KNOW, FRED, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU JUST **PRETEND** TO BE AFRAID SO YOU CAN HAVE AN EXCUSE TO ASK ME TO MARRY YOU!

YOU DON'T FIND THIS PLACE THE LITTLEST BIT SPOOKY?

I LIKE SPOOKY! I LIKE RISK! I LIKE DANGER. AND SO DO YOU--



--OR YOU WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS WITH ME! BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT--

--IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER... GO AHEAD AND PROPOSE AGAIN.

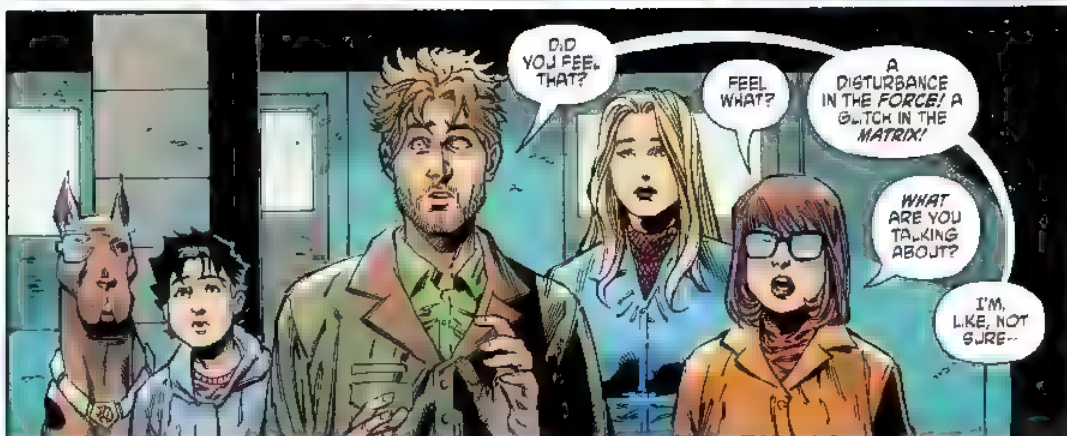
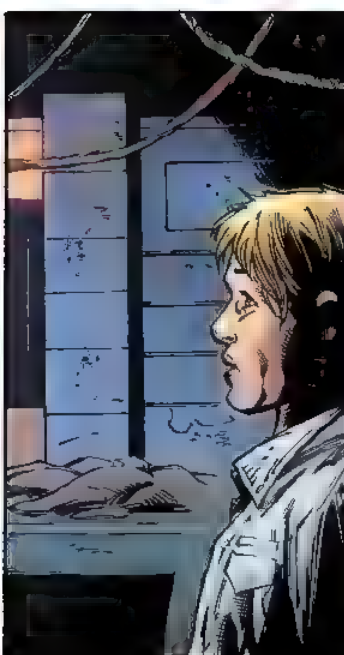
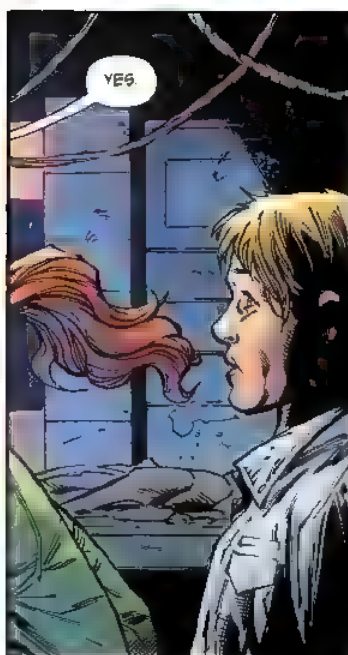
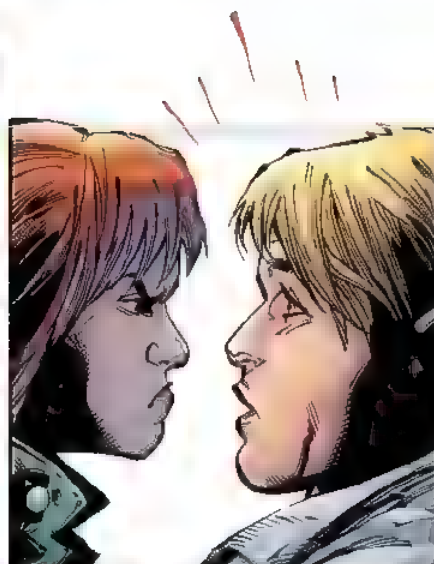
TAKEN--
OKAY, THEN, DAPHNE BLAKE--



--WILL YOU MARRY ME?

NOW.

OF COURSE NOT!



"--BUT SOMETHIN
REALLY BIG JUST
HAPPENED!"

"..OKAY
LET'S START
COUNTING
HEADS--"

WAIT!
YOU REALLY
SAID YEEEP
YOU'RE NOT
JOKING?

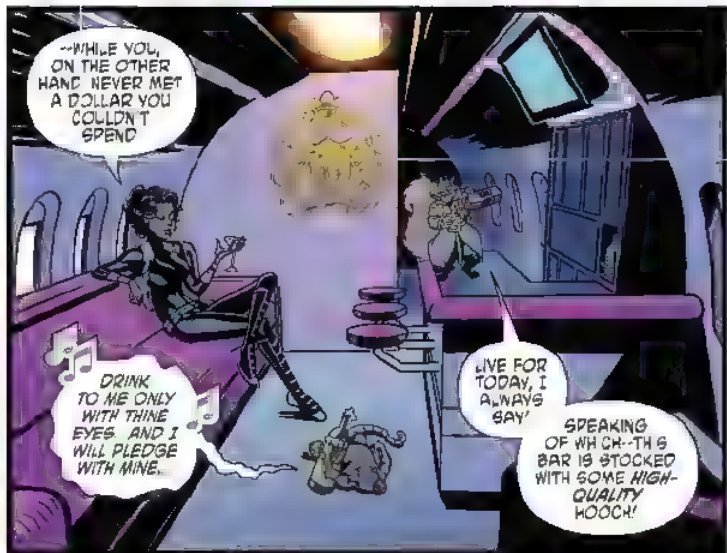
NO, I'M
NOT JOKING.
AND KEEP YOUR
DAMN VOICE
DOWN--

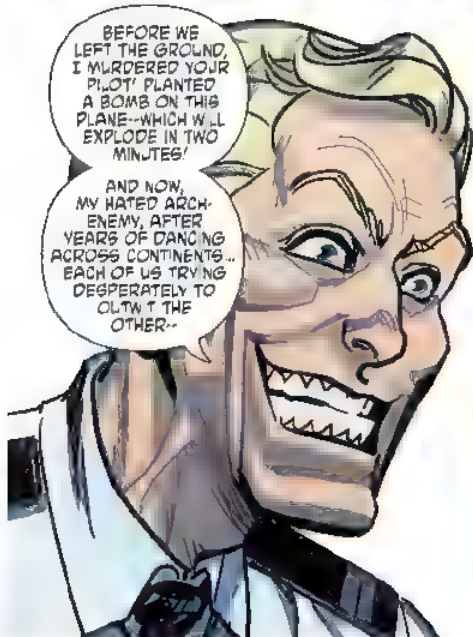
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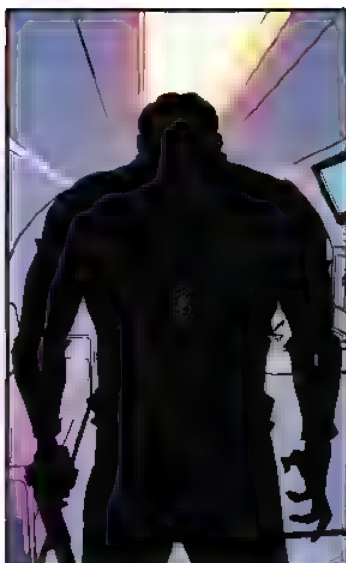
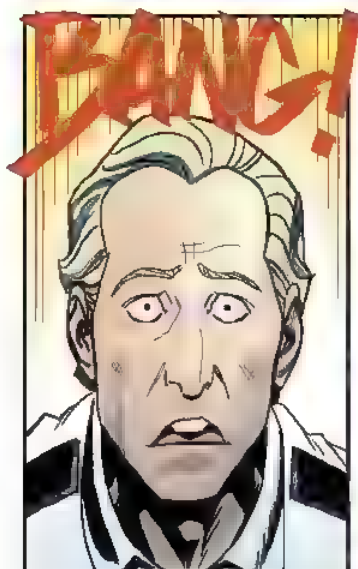
--BECAUSE
IF THOSE THINGS
REALIZE THAT
WE'RE HERE--

--IT'S
GONNA BE THE
SHORTEST
ENGAGEMENT
EVER!

NEXT: TRAGEDY!







FWAKA-THOOOOM

MOROCCO
OL' BUDDY--
YOU HAD THAT
PARACHUTE
ON YOU THE
WHOLE
TIME?

I MAY OFTEN
BE INEBRIATED, BUT
I AM ~~WICCU~~ NEVER
UNPREPARED!

WELL
PLAYED,
MATE!

COULD BE
YOU'RE NOT SO
USELESS AFTER
ALL!

SO WHERE
ARE WE?

ACCORDING TO
THE TRACKER--

--NOT FAR FROM
THE COORDINATES
OUR INFORMANT
GAVE US

HEADQUARTERS
OF THE BRAIN
ROBBERS SHOULD
BE ABOUT A MILE UP
THE MOUNTAIN. JUST
LET ME ADJUST
THE GPS TO--

I...uh...
DON'T THINK
YOU'LL NEED
THE GPS TO
FIND 'EM,
BEA

WHY
NOT?





"We're all puppets, Laurie.
I'm just a puppet who can see the strings."

DR. MANHATTAN



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BENDIS

IS COMING!

BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS ON COMING TO DC

When I was first approached by DC, there was a lot of speculation about what I would do and what characters I'm interested in. It surprised some people but at the top of my list... was Superman. It turns out I was a little Jewish boy from Cleveland and my connection to Superman is very, very deep.

As I considered making this big DC change in my life, I was back in Cleveland (where Superman was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster) for my brother's wedding. I went to visit my friend John [Skrtic] who is a big part of the Cleveland Public Library—we grew up together—and he had a Superman exhibition taking up the entire front hall of the library. I walked in there and it was like the universe was speaking to me, telling me, "Oh, you've got to do this!" It flooded back to me in the biggest way possible and here we are.

My first appearance in DC Comics will be ACTION COMICS #1000. It was a lovely offer from [DC Comics Publisher] Dan DiDio when we were discussing my plans and what I could or couldn't do. He called me up the next day and he goes, "I don't want to be greedy or rush you, but we happen to have this once-in-a-lifetime Superman situation going on with ACTION COMICS #1000". And I have always LOVED the DC anniversary editions.

In between ACTION COMICS #1000 and the upcoming MAN OF STEEL six-issue weekly limited series, I'm writing a special chapter of DC NATION #0 with—I'm so excited to say these words out loud—very special art by José Luis García-López, who came out of semi-retirement to do this with me. That storyline will set up a lot of what's going to be going on in ACTION COMICS. We'll dig really deep into what's going on at the *Daily Planet*, and introduce some new cast members at the *Daily Planet* and some new villains in Metropolis.



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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

